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WEEKLY REPORT, 13-19 MAY 1974

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY  
REPORT FOR 13-19 MAY AS APPROVED BY AHG MAY 21  
BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF C-M(73)83(FINAL), THE  
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH  
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF  
THE CHAIRMAN (GERMANY) ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC  
GROUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 19 MAY, 1974.

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2. THE GROUP ANALYZED THE FIRST INFORMAL SESSION OF THE THIRD ROUND HELD WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES ON 15 MAY, FOR WHICH TALKING POINTS HAD BEEN AGREED IN THE GROUP BEFOREHAND. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON THE QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES REITERATED THE NEED FOR PARTICIPATION IN REDUCTIONS BY ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS FROM THE OUTSET. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE ALLIED PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW NON-US ALLIED FORCES TO BE INCREASED AFTER A PHASE ONE AGREEMENT. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION 22 MAY, WHEN DISCUSSION WOULD CONTINUE ON THE QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET.

3. THE GROUP REVIEWED THE PLENARY MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY, AT WHICH THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE ADVANCED ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE ALLIED CONCEPT OF PHASING.

4. THE GROUP APPROVED AN OUTLINE FOR THE ALLIED PRESENTATION TO BE DELIVERED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTATIVE AT THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 22 MAY. IT WILL DEAL WITH THE NEED TO ESTABLISH A MORE EQUAL RELATIONSHIP IN GROUND FORCES.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF THE COUNCIL'S GUIDANCE OF 14 MAY ON FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS OF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PHASES ONE AND TWO OF THE ALLIED OUTLINE OF PROPOSALS, THE GROUP DELIBERATED TACTICAL QUESTIONS IN POINT. IT DECIDED TO INTRODUCE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SECTION III OF THIS GUIDANCE DURING THE INFORMAL MEETING OF 22 MAY.

6. THE GROUP CONSIDERED THE SCHEDULING OF FURTHER PLENARIES IN THE PRESENT ROUND AND THE SUBJECTS TO BE TREATED IN THE ALLIED PRESENTATIONS. THE EAST HAVING INSISTED THAT ONE PLENARY BE HELD EVERY WEEK, ALLIED PRESENTATIONS WILL, IN PRINCIPLE, BE MADE AT EVERY OTHER PLENARY ONLY.

7. ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP, ALSO THE TIMING OF A SUMMER RECESS WAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN WESTERN AND EASTERN  
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SPOKESMEN. A RECESS MAY TAKE PLACE FROM ABOUT 20 JULY UNTIL ABOUT 16 SEPTEMBER BUT NO DECISION ON THIS MATTER HAS BEEN TAKEN. END TEXT.HUMES

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